2003 ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP AWARDS

Service Industry/Business Stewardship Award

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PURPOSE:

To recognize outstanding efforts of service industries and business that have improved or protected the environment. (Manufacturing SIC Codes 20-39 are ineligible).

ELIGIBLE NOMINATIONS:

Any demonstrated policy initiated by service industries or businesses, which has improved or protected the environment by actions such as preventing pollution, reducing waste, and/or recycling will be eligible. The service industry category includes hotels, hospitals, retailers/wholesalers, distributors, transportation companies, utilities, food services, correctional facilities and commercial waste treatment. This summary should briefly address the judging criteria. There may be a separate award in this category for East, Middle, and West Tennessee.

JUDGING CRITERIA:

- 1. The project has clear environmental benefits
- 2. The project represents an innovative approach.
- 3. Whether the project is continuous or "one time only".
- 4. The scope of the improvement effort, based on the percentage of waste reduction.
- 5. Employee involvement effort, based on the percentage of the work force involved.
- 6. Top management policy commitment to environmental stewardship (e.g., is the policy established in a written document? Was the policy codeveloped by employee involvement and management participation? Is it mandatory for all levels of the organization to adhere to the policy?). A copy of an environmental policy statement in effect may be attached to the nomination.